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MRS. BONINE ON TRIAL

Only a Small Attendance in Court When Case Was Called.

PRISONER WAS CALM AND COMPOSED.

Plea of Not Guilty Made in a Firm Voice—Controversy Arose Over Colored Juror Who Was Peremptorily Excused by Defense.

Washington, Nov. 19.—The trial of Mrs. Lola Ida Bonine, on indictment for the murder of the young census clerk, James Seymour Ayres, jr., in his room at the Kenmore hotel, in this city, May 15, began Tuesday before Justice Anderson in criminal court. At the first session the court room, even though of limited capacity, was by no means crowded. Mr. Bonine and Mrs. Meacham, husband and sister of the accused, were early occupants of the seats reserved for Mrs. Bonine's special friends, as were the five attorneys engaged for the defense. When Mrs. Bonine appeared in the court room she walked in so quietly that her entrance was scarcely noted. She took a seat beside her husband, just back of her counsel and in front



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of her sister. She smiled as she greeted her sister and the latter placed her arms gently about her as she sank into her seat.

After the preliminaries of calling the names of witnesses and of jurors were disposed of, Mrs. Bonine was asked to stand and plead to the indictment. She listened calmly to the reading of the document and when it was concluded, pleaded "not guilty" in low but distinct tones.

After a brief statement of the case by Judge Anderson, the examination of jurors were begun and when the court at 12:50 adjourned for the day the panel was exhausted. There were 26 members of the panel and of these 14 were excused, leaving 12 in the box. Of the 14 jurors who were excused, three were relieved by the court on account of ill health, seven upon challenges by the defense, and four upon challenges by the district attorney. All of the government's challenges were made because of statements on the part of jurors that they had conscientious scruples against capital punishment. Most of the challenges on behalf of the prisoner were on account of statements made by jurors that they had formed opinions in the case. In four or five instances they stated that their views could not be changed by new testimony.

The first contention between opposing counsel arose in connection with the calling of a juror named Smith, a colored man and an undertaker. He stated he had formed an opinion of the case, that is was not so firmly fixed that it could not be modified by new testimony. Mr. Douglass of Mrs. Bonine's counsel challenged "for cause." District Attorney Gould antagonized the challenge and Mr. Douglass addressed the court, pleading for liberal construction of the law, because of the importance of the case. The challenge, however, was overruled. Mr. Douglass noted an exception, the first of the trial, and then peremptorily challenged the juror who was excused. It is expected there will be other challenges when the court convenes Wednesday.

Mrs. Bonine was apparently as calm as any of the spectators during the proceedings. She spoke frequently with her husband and sister and only once or twice with her attorney. During the day her two boys, respectively 15 and 13, were in the court room. After adjournment she took dinner with her friends in the prisoner's room in the court room, being closely attended all the time by her guard.

Contractors Fail.

Anniston, Ala., Nov. 19.—The assignment of Kensor & Wilson, contractors, with \$37,500 assets and \$42,500 liabilities, is attributed to rise in the cost of building material since taking several contracts.

MEADE COURT-MARTIAL.

Serious Charge Against Marine Officer Being Ventilated.

New York, Nov. 19.—The court martial ordered by the secretary of the navy to investigate the charges of intoxication and scandalous conduct against Colonel R. L. Meade of the marine corps, was begun at the navy yard Tuesday. The court is presided over by Rear Admiral Sumner and the other members are Captain George F. Wild, Colonel James Forney, Captain F. A. Cook and Captains Chadwick, Lambertson, Walker, Pigman and Chester. The judge advocate is Lieutenant A. P. Niblack, United States navy, assisted by Captain B. H. Fuller, United States marine corps. Colonel Meade is represented by Lorenzo Semple, T. D. Semple and Paul Fuller, jr. Colonel Denny took the stand as the first witness. He testified that on March 18, April 30 and June 18 he visited Colonel Meade in the Marine barracks and found him intoxicated.

Experiment in Horse Training.

San Francisco, Nov. 19.—Thomas H. Williams, jr., president of the new California Jockey club, is about to try an experiment in preparing horses for the track. He is a believer in the theory that horses should not be put on the track until they have reached maturity, and that 2-year-olds are neither strong nor wise enough to do themselves justice. Mr. Williams intends buying a number of yearlings and colts and sending them to Oregon to browse on grass and gain strength roaming over the country. He will not permit them to grow wild nor will have them trained. He will simply have them ridden from time to time for the purpose of accustoming them to the work they will have to do on the track, where he is confident they will demonstrate the correctness of his theory.

Will Harness Kern River.

Los Angeles, Cal., Nov. 19.—Huntington interests have come to the front with another big corporation. The Kern Power company with a capital of \$5,000,000 fully subscribed filed papers of incorporation. The new company proposes the manufacture of electricity for light, heat and power, also the requirement of water rights, the construction of bridges and pipe lines and the securing of all kinds of franchises. It is proposed to obtain power on Kern river, 150 miles north of Los Angeles.

Claim Capitol Property.

St. Paul, Nov. 19.—Quiet preparations are being made by the heirs of Charles Bazille, a pioneer settler of St. Paul to take possession of the old capitol, building, site and all, as soon as the state officers have removed to the new structure. The action is planned on the ground that Mr. Bazille in presenting the capitol square to the state stipulated that in the event the site were abandoned the property should revert to his heirs. The property is in the business section, covers an entire block and is very valuable.

Big Bridge Contract.

Philadelphia, Nov. 19.—The American Bridge company of this city secured a contract for the construction of 20 steel bridges along the line of the Uganda railroad in east Africa. The amount of the contract is about \$1,000,000. Several English and continental firms offered bids. The Philadelphia company was not only the lowest, but guaranteed completion of the work in shortest time. The new bridges will replace wooden structures built several months ago and found to be inadequate.

Heavy Locomotives Needed.

New York, Nov. 19.—It is reported that the Rogers Locomotive works at Paterson, N. J., recently purchased by a syndicate will be enlarged. A visit by a party of prominent railroad men has started considerable discussion concerning the future of the plant. There is said to be a scarcity of heavy locomotives throughout the country and a constant demand for them from all the great freight lines.

Castro Stands Alone.

Caracas, Venezuela, Nov. 19.—A large shipment of Mausers and cartridges has just left La Guira on a Venezuela gunboat for the Colombian insurgents. President Castro's position depends on the success of the latter. All Venezuela, even his ministers, oppose his policy. The revolutionists under General Juan Pietri are gaining in the state of Carabobo.

New Head of Saline Trust.

New York, Nov. 19.—It is stated at the office of the National Salt company that the president of the new international salt company will be E. T. Fuller, now president of the Retsof Mining company. A. S. White, the former president of the National Salt company, will be chairman of the board of directors.

Emulating Carnegie's Example.

New York, Nov. 19.—Peter Reid, a wealthy mill man, has given \$50,000 for the erection of a public library to the city of Passaic, N. J. The municipality has formally accepted the gift.

CORRESPONDENT SAYS

South Afrikanders Shoule Be Smashed By Great Britain.

BITTER SCREED AGAINST THE BOERS.

Claimed the British Have to Deal With a Peculiar People But That After Peace Is Secured They Can Be Handled Easily.

London, Nov. 19.—Mail advices from Natal say the problem in South Africa is complicated and cannot be grasped by reading the newspapers. The correspondent says the British must be made to understand that they have to deal with a peculiar people, whose very elementary education has been directed by their unscrupulous and ambitious leaders to imbuing them with the belief that as the chosen of God, they are called to the domination of South Africa. They are taught that the Amerikite-Britisher is to be driven into the sea, leaving them the blacks as their hewers of wood and drawers of water as in the days of the great trek.

In Natal, says the correspondent, the people are either thoroughly loyal or thoroughly rebels, but in Cape Colony, thousands of Afrikanders are on the fence. There has been too much sentimental humberg, declares the correspondent. He insists that the inhabitants must be thoroughly "smashed" and made to feel that they are "smashed" for the sake of the future quiet of South Africa, then will be the time for the British to be generous. After peace comes the burghers can be handled easily, he says, if the scales of justice are evenly held.

Buffalo Treasurer Bounced.

Buffalo, Nov. 19.—Mayor Diehl suspended City Treasurer Gerst from office. In the notice of suspension the mayor charges Mr. Gerst with misconduct in office and with having kept inaccurate and false accounts and specifically charges that the accounts of the city treasurer show that the amount of cash on hand to the credit of the city is \$50,000 in excess of the actual amount. The examination of the treasurer's accounts which has in progress for several days will be continued. The mayor charges that Treasurer Gerst borrowed from bank upwards of \$40,000 with which to cover up shortage in his accounts at a time when an examination was to be made; that in August he loaned the bank \$8,000 of the city's money and that at various times during the current year he appropriated to his own use moneys belonging to the city.

Merchant Accused of Larceny.

New York, Nov. 19.—Hayman K. Reuben, once a wholesale dry goods dealer here, was arraigned on a charge by David C. Tiebout, vice president of the National Citizens' bank, of larceny in the sum of \$15,300. His bond was placed at \$2,000 pending examination. Reuben was arrested at Toronto and returned here without formal extradition. The bank charged that Reuben, who borrowed from the bank, filed false statements as to the standing of his firm, which later become embarrassed.

Reciprocity Convention.

Washington, Nov. 19.—Many of the manufacturing industries of the United States were represented at the National Reciprocity convention which began its sessions here Tuesday. There were 200 delegates present in response to a call issued by the National association of manufacturers at a meeting in Detroit last June. The convention is representative of all sections and its object is to give expression to the views of manufacturers generally on the subject of reciprocity.

Colombian on a Special Mission.

New York, Nov. 19.—Among the passengers who arrived aboard the steamer Allegheny from Savannillo, were General Diego de Castro, special commissioner of Colombia and his secretary, Antonio I. Arment. General De Castro says his mission is to purchase war material and to prevent the shipment of such material by the revolutionists. He will go direct to Washington to consult Colombian minister.

Attorney Indicted.

Chicago, Nov. 19.—George W. Cass, former secretary of the Illinois State Bar association, was indicted by the grand jury on the charge of embezzling \$25,000. The property involved, according to the testimony, belonged to friends and relatives of Cass living in and near Coshocton, Ohio.

Gave Short Weight.

Atlanta, Nov. 19.—The police made complaint against 10 firms of coal dealers on the charge of violating an ordinance regulating the weighing of coal wagons by the city to insure full weight. A number of dealers pleaded guilty and paid fines and the others will be tried.

San Diego, Cal., Nov. 19.—The United States training ship Alert has sailed to Magdalena bay for gun practice.

CHICAGO BEFOGGED.

Collision on Elevated Road and Other Accidents Result.

Chicago, Nov. 19.—A dense fog was responsible for numerous accidents and collisions here Tuesday. In a collision between two metropolitan elevated trains one person was killed and 12 were injured. Other collisions were reported on the Northwestern, the Lake street and the South Side elevated roads and on some of the surface lines, but it was stated that in these none was seriously injured.

The fog was one of the most dense Chicago has experienced in years. People standing on the sidewalks could scarcely see passing vehicles. Street cars kept their gongs clanging constantly. The Metropolitan "L" collision was between a train carrying factory workers and an express train both running east and crowded.

Thomas Meany, 18, who was standing on the platform of the first train was crushed to death.

POACHERS OVERHAULED.

Lively Engagement With Fishing Tugs on Lake Michigan.

St. Joseph, Mich., Nov. 18.—Deputy State Game Warden Brewster made a raid on six fishing tugs for using nets in Lake Michigan out of season. One of the tugs was twice rammed, three surrendered and two escaped. When informed that six tugs were illegally fishing in Michigan waters Brewster hired the tug Dormas, one of the speediest on the lakes and started in pursuit. The tugs were sighted off Michigan City, Ind., and at the approach of the Dormas the fishermen dropped their nets, cut the line and scattered. After an hour's chase the tug Frank Edwards was overtaken. The Dormas under full head of steam, rammed the Edwards violently in the stern, smashing several stanchions and guard rails. The smaller tug attempted to escape and was rammed again. She careened violently and was in danger of capsizing. The Edwards then surrendered. The Michigan state law provides a closed season on all fishing from Nov. 15 to Dec. 15.

Situation in Kentucky Mines.

Madisonville, Ky., Nov. 19.—The St. Bernard Coal company has given up its Kentucky charter and will incorporate under the laws of Delaware. The reasons given is that it may receive federal assistance. The camp of the union miners here has been moved to Nortonville, where about 200 men are in camp. An effort was made to work at the shaft mine in Providence, but when the whistle blew few men responded. The imported negroes are still badly frightened and will not go near the mines, even with the soldiers on guard. Many of the negroes are becoming tired of the continual warfare and will move away. Horton Bush, the negro miner who was shot during the battle Sunday, died Tuesday. Couch, the union man shot through the left lung and in the body, cannot possibly recover.

Dispute About the Corpse.

Jeffersonville, Nov. 19.—The authorities here are greatly surprised over the report from Little Rock, Ark., that the mayor of that city has prevented the coroner bringing to Jeffersonville the body of Charles Goodman, on the ground that he believes Rathbun is really dead and that it is his body now in Little Rock. Prosecutor Mayfield is of the opinion that the body will ultimately be shipped here. Should this not be done, it is feared the whole case against Rathbun will fall. The special grand jury selected to investigate the charges against Rathbun will take up case Thursday.

Civil Service Extended.

Washington, Nov. 19.—President Roosevelt issued an order amending the civil service regulations so as to return to the service a number of civilian places in the war department excepted by executive order May 29, 1901. The order is at the request of Secretary Root and affects about 1,600 people in the quartermaster's medical, engineers and engineer-at-large departments.

British Company Got It.

London, Nov. 19.—The Commercial Pacific Cable company recently organized in New York to lay a cable from San Francisco to the Philippine islands, has awarded the contract for the manufacture and laying of the first section from San Francisco to Honolulu to an English company which guarantees to complete it in 10 months. The contract price is nearly £600,000.

New Italian Minister.

Washington, Nov. 19.—Signor E. Mayer Ges Plaches, who succeeds Baron Fava as the Italian ambassador to the United States, was formally received by President Roosevelt at the White House.

Mother and Child Burned to Death.

Centralla, Ill., Nov. 19.—Mrs. Mary Manning and 4-year-old daughter Edith, were burned to death at Xenia. The child's clothing caught fire from a stove and the mother, in trying to save her was fatally burned.

WENT OVER THE WALL.

Widow of Edwin Ruthven Fled From Ohio Penitentiary.

RECEIVED HELP FROM THE OUTSIDE

Scaled the Enclosure by Aid of Ropes and Ladders—Her Husband Was Electrocuted in May—First Woman to Take French Leave.

Columbus, O., Nov. 19.—Lizzie Ruthven, wife of Edwin Ruthven the Cleveland murderer who was executed at the penitentiary June 28, escaped from the penitentiary, where she was serving a 5-year sentence for receiving stolen property. She was received at the pen Jan. 16, 1901. Mrs. Ruthven escaped over the wall by the aid of ropes and ladders and is believed to have had assistance from the outside.

Mrs. Ruthven made her escape from the female department where she was imprisoned in a wooden cell, fastened with an ordinary door lock. With a screw driver and scissors she removed the lock and gained entrance to the laundry where she secured rope and two step ladders, with which she scaled the wall. She had been gone several hours before her escape was detected.

George Bailey, a colored convict sent up from Cincinnati the third time for stealing was released Nov. 6. While in the penitentiary he became acquainted with Mrs. Ruthven and fell in love with her. After he was liberated he wrote love letters to her, which was forbidden when discovered. It is believed he aided her in her flight.

Mrs. Ruthven is a colored woman. Her husband was executed on a charge of having murdered Policeman Shipp while trying to evade arrest when detected in the act of burglarizing a residence. At Ruthven's house much property was identified as having been stolen in several robberies, which led to prosecution and conviction of Mrs. Ruthven, her husband being held to answer to the charge of murder.

Mrs. Ruthven has a sister living in Columbus, a Mrs. Emma Johnson, who visited her at the prison Sunday, but who pleads ignorance of any plan to escape.

She is regarded at Cleveland as a wizard and is the first woman to escape from the Ohio penitentiary.

Paper Carwheel Trust Proposed.

Cincinnati, Nov. 19.—Representatives of seven of the 12 companies in the United States manufacturing paper car wheels met here in brief session. It was thought that a combination of the industry could be made to advantage, but it developed that no perfect organization could be had now, because of the existence of various annual contracts with railroad and traction companies. It is predicted by some of the representatives present that within a year a mutual benefit organization can be effected.

Fire Levelled a Big Block.

Charlotte, N. C., Nov. 19.—Fire destroyed the Holton block, causing a loss of \$100,000. The principal losers are H. G. Link, groceries, \$50,000; R. H. Field, groceries, \$15,000; B. K. Bryan, groceries, \$8,000; Oglesby Bros., dry goods. All were insured. The fire broke out in Oglesby's store. An accident at the pumping station temporarily cut off the water supply, but it was restored in time to prevent the flames spreading beyond the Holton block.

Dynamite Let Go By Accident.

Charleston, W. Va., Nov. 19.—Oliver Dodge and Frank Wibby were instantly killed and Frank Lancaster of Cleveland and Pearl and Robert Nicewerner were seriously injured by an explosion of dynamite in a quarry. They accidentally exploded the dynamite while trying to dislodge a lot of stone that had been partly loosened.

Chicago—Interurban—Milwaukee.

Waukegan, Ill., Nov. 19.—A deal is on foot for the construction of an electric line from Chicago to Milwaukee, entirely independent of the roads now operating at various points between the two cities. The entrance here is made to secure connections with the Elgin, Joliet and Eastern belt line.

Depot Robbed—Burglar Shot.

Wichita, Kan., Nov. 19.—At Hutchinson, the Missouri Pacific depot was burglarized. The ticket clerk, who slept up stairs, was not awakened by the noise made in opening the safe. Afterward one of the robbers was found dead with a bullet hole in his heart. It is not known who shot him.

Philadelphia Editor Dead.

Philadelphia, Nov. 19.—T. Henry Martin, 38, publisher and editor of the Daily News, died of pneumonia, following a surgical operation. Mr. Martin was president and secretary of the Pen and Pencil club for several years. He also served one year as vice president of the International League of Press clubs.